

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 4-9 (published paragraph [0004]) with the following:

*(b)* The disadvantage of such an apparatus is, however, the relatively complex manufacture of the multi play multi-ply drive bands. An optimum sealing effect can only be achieved with an exact parallelism and absolutely constant width of the three belts. The low tolerances required for an effective sealing effect of the drive band make the production of such drive bands complex and expensive.

*Please delete* the paragraph on page 2, lines 15-16 (published paragraph [0006]) in its entirety.

*Please delete* the paragraph on page 3, lines 1-2 (published paragraph [0008]) in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, lines 4-8 (published paragraph [0009]) with the following:

*(b)* ~~For instance, in~~ In accordance with a first advantageous embodiment, the coating material can have a plurality of layers, with the individual layers consisting of different materials. This allows a direct matching of the coating to the drive band with the aim of achieving an improved sealing effect of the drive band.